

Kuntz Shotgun House
1401 E. Washington Street
Louisville
Jefferson County
Kentucky

HABS No. KY-119

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National Architectural and Engineering Record
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STATE Kentucky	COUNTY Jefferson	TOWN OR VICINITY Louisville
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) KUNTZ SHOTGUN HOUSE		HABS NO. KY-119
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE NONE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 1401 E. Washington Street		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1889-1891	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) This is a typical "shotgun" house, having three rooms back-to-back perpendicular to the street, with a fourth over the rear third room, forming a "camelback" configuration. According to legend, it is called a "shotgun" house because when all doors on the first floor are open one can shoot a bullet through the house without striking anything.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Brick		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE)		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Lintels with cut designs are over the front windows. Front doorway has a bracketed hood. A paneled cornice is found only on the front facade.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Basement has a one-room plan. The first floor plan consists of three rooms- living room, dining room and kitchen. One bedroom is in the "camelback".		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES An early 20th century bathroom was added over cellar entrance. A pantry was converted into an interior stair to the basement. Repair and replastering of the walls were undertaken in 1973 by the owners. Steam radiator system was installed circa 1920.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Arbogast, David. HABS historical and descriptive architectural data. 1974.		
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